

**Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council**

**Activity Plan  
2020 - 2023**



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As chair of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council, I am pleased to present the 2020 - 2023 Activity Plan. This plan covers the period from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is established under the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act** and its membership is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The Advisory Council has considered the strategic directions of government during the preparation of this Activity Plan.

The Advisory Council is accountable for the preparation of this plan and the achievement of its objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Norris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Norris  
Clerk of the Executive Council  
and Chair of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador

## OVERVIEW

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador is the highest honour of the province. The object of the Order is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour benefiting in an outstanding manner Newfoundland and Labrador and its residents. The first investiture took place in 2004.

Any Canadian citizen who is a present or former long-term resident of Newfoundland and Labrador is eligible for nomination to the Order. Public officials, such as judges, members of the Senate, House of Commons, House of Assembly or legislative assembly of a province, and members of municipal, town, regional councils or local service district committees are exempted from nomination. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. Organizations, groups, or couples may not be nominated; the Order is for individuals only.

An individual who is not a Canadian citizen or current or former long-term resident of the province, but who has demonstrated excellence in their field of endeavour, and who has benefited the province and its residents in an outstanding manner, may be nominated as an honorary member.

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is established as per section 12 of the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act**, consisting of the following four individuals, each of whom is a member by virtue of his or her office: the Clerk of the Executive Council; the Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland; the Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador or, where he or she is unable to serve on the council for any reason, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly; two individuals who are members of the Order who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, each for a term of three years; and not more than two individuals appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, each for a term of three years. The Clerk of the Executive Council shall be the chairperson of the council. Current membership is composed of:

- Mr. Gary Norris, Clerk of the Executive Council
- Ms. Susan Knight, CM, ONL, Chancellor of MUN
- Hon. Deborah Fry, Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Hon. Scott Reid, Speaker of the House of Assembly
- Elder Calvin White, CM, ONL, Recipient
- Mr. Sterling Peyton, ONL, Recipient
- Mr. Earl Ludlow, ONL (At-Large Member)
- Ms. Anna Thistle (At-Large Member)
- The Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council is appointed as secretary to the Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council meets at least once per year pursuant to section 13 of the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act** or more frequently as required.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council has a very specific mandate to accept and consider nominations of persons eligible for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador and make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Order, the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. As such, the Advisory Council will report annually upon its activity toward the objective detailed below.

By March 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council will have made recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador (as Chancellor) regarding the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **INDICATORS**

- Meetings held as required
- Considered nominations made for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Provided appropriate recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador